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## **Commercial Vehicle Emphasis Patrol North Olympic Peninsula**

Troopers assigned to the Washington State Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Division conducted a one day emphases patrol along the North Olympic Peninsula on Wednesday April 26, 2006. The emphases patrol was conducted by troopers assigned to District Eight, who targeted there emphases patrol along Highway 101 and Highway 112. Troopers from Kitsap and Grays Harbor Counties joined the Commercial Vehicle Trooper assigned to Clallam and Jefferson County to work conduct the emphases patrol.

During the emphases patrol, troopers conducted 35 'Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance' (CVSA) vehicle inspections. (CVSA – the national guide lines for commercial vehicle safety inspections). Three of the 35 commercial vehicles inspected, were placed out of service for equipment violations, which ranged from brake adjustment to vehicle load securement. Troopers issued 11 citations and several warnings for licensing, registration and equipment violations. Drivers of commercial vehicles were also cited for fail to wear their seatbelt.

While conducted the emphases patrol, troopers watched for vehicles driving unsafe around commercial vehicles, including one driver who was stopped and cited for negligent driving for unsafely driving around a commercial vehicle. Drivers need to make sure they provide extra room for large vehicles, don't pull out in front of them or cut them off as you pass by a commercial vehicle.

"The patrol was a great success, we were able to pull our resources together and make an impact along the north Olympic Peninsula. Drivers of all vehicles are reminded to drive safely along the roadway, especially around commercial vehicles" stated Sergeant Neil Schuster, supervisor of the District Eight's Commercial Division Troopers.

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